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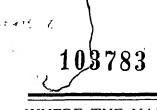
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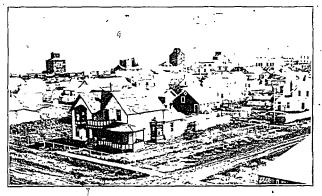
WHERE THE HARD WHEAT GROWS



ROSTHERN

Where the Hard Wheat Grows

Rosthern has always been looked upon as the centre of the best wheat producing district in Western Canada. In the fall of 1911 she won from the world an acknowledgment of her claims through the winning of the Shaughnessy prize of \$1000.00 for the best wheat grown in America. This wheat was grown by Seager Wheeler, a farmer who lives three-miles east of the Town of Rosthern.



South East Corner of Rosthern

As a natural result of this, multitudinous, enquiries have been received from all over the world, for information in connection with this district, and the Board of Trade have found it necessary to issue this booklet, describing briefly a few of the principal features of the town and district of Rosthern. These features are all described simply, without any of the usual extravagance or unnecessary painting generally

employed for the purpose of "boosting" particular districts. Rosthern and Rosthern district have never had any wildcat schemes. They have not needed them. Rosthern does not offer something for nothing. What she offers is safe and sure investment, with at least as large profits as can be safely had in any other town in Western Canada.



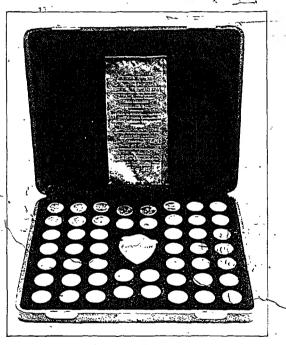
Address Presented to Seager Wheeler, Producer of World's Best Wheat at Calgary

This district has the best, wheat land in America, and it has proved this by years of good crops, uninterrupted by a single failure, and if other proof has been necessary, the winning of the Shaughnessy wheat prize by Seager Wheeler is amply convincing.

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Rosthern District

Rosthern is situated half way between Prince Albert and Saskatoon, on the Regina to Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Northern Railway. Lying as it does between the north and south branches of the Saskatchewan River, the natural

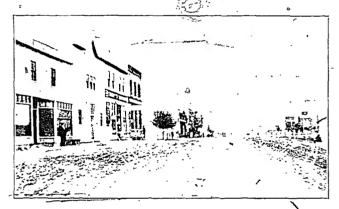


Shaughnessy Prize, \$1,000 in Gold for the World's Best Wheat Won by Seager Wheeler, Rosthern

centre of the fertile Saskatchewan Valley, there is probably no other district in Western Canada that can rival it in climate, fertility of soil, two things that are the greatest factors in the production of the wheat which has made Rosthern Ranous.

ROSTHERN; SASKAT,CHEWÄ-N

A glance at the map of Saskatchewan will show you why crops in this district have always been good. Crop failure is caused by one of five things, viz.: lack of rainfall, frost, hail, hot winds or poor soil. There has always been sufficient rainfall to ensure good crops in the Rosthern district, owing to the nearness of the two rivers. Close proximity to large bodies of water reduces the chances of early

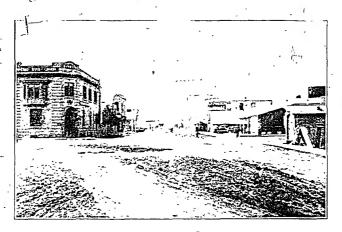


Railway Street

frosts and hot winds to a minimum. The hail that has fallen here during the last ten_years is scarcely worth mentioning.

The district consists of level, or slightly rolling prairie, dotted here and there with small groves—a beautiful park country. The soil is a heavy black loam, 10 to 21 inches in depth, with a sufficient mixture of sandy grit to ensure early maturity, and a clay subsoil.

Rosthem farm lands present an attractive field for investment. They are not being quoted at inflated prices. The best wheat land in the world, within one to three miles from the town, can be purchased at from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per acre. On out four to six miles, and the same land can be bought at \$25.00 to \$35.00 an acre.



Saskatchewan Street

The Town of Rosthern

All the wealth of the Great West must, after all, come from the soil. The amount of business done in a Western Canadian town depends on the purchasing power of the inhabitants of the surrounding district, and in the prairie provinces this purchasing power can be measured in terms of the quantity and quality of the wheat grown. Rosthern has

grown naturally as the result of its being the market for from three-quarters of a million to a million bushels of the world's best wheat annually and of being the commercial centre for over three millions, of bushels.

It is a thriving little city of about fifteen hundred, with broad, clean, tree-bordered streets, magnificent public buildings, substantial business houses and beautiful homes. It has one and one-half miles of cement and over three miles of plank sidewalk. The streets have been recently graded. Light is supplied by an Acetylene Gas Plant. The town boasts a \$36,000 Town Hall, a Fire Hall and an efficient Fire Brigade. Estimates have been called for, for putting in a sewerage and waterworks system:



One of Rosthern's Shady Streets



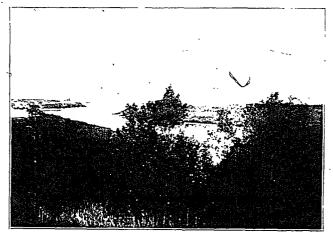
A Business Street at Rosthern

Business Houses

Six elevators and two large mills are kept busy handling the wheat of the near neighborhood. In spite of enormous crops there have been no wheat blockades, because the cars which bring in goods to supply Rosthern and the Rosthern district, are ready when empty, to carry the wheat out.

The Canadian Northern Railway has hauled about 800,000 bushels of wheat out of their yards here this year. The Rosthern district, however, has shipped about 3,000,000 bushels, and the business from those shipments has come chiefly to Rosthern. In addition to this, the amount of coarse grains and live stock shipped is enormous. Owing to the amount of good water, this district is peculiarly adapted to stock raising.

The Imperial Bank of Canada and the Bank of British North America, with an aggregate staff of from 16 to 18 men, handle this business. The stores, with an aggregate pay list of 100 men, have an annual turnover of from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.



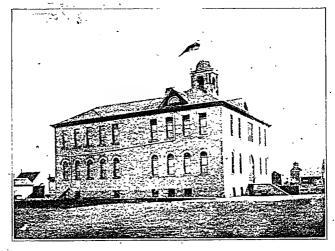
The South Saskatchewan, near Rosthern

Real Estate

The town is built up to the corporation limits. Prices are low; inside lots sell from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per foot. Residential lots at from \$250,000 to \$300,000. No mistake can be made in buying town lots in Rosthern, because there are no out-of-town lots. Outside of the built-up streets are fields of wheat. The area of the town is smaller than that of any other town of equal population in Saskatchewan.

Government Institutions

Rosthern has the Dominion Lands Sub-Agency, a Customs House and the Dominion Experimental Farm. It is the centre of an Electoral District, and will soon be a Judicial Centre.

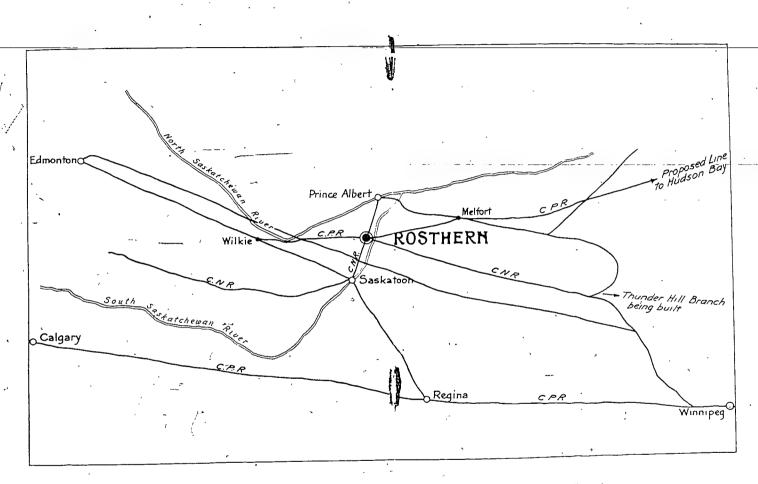


Public School, Rosthern

Schools and Churches

Rosthern enjoys exceptional educational advantages. It has an eight-room Public School with a High School Department, and a German English Academy. A new wing has been recently added to the Public School, and estimates are being called for for a \$10,000 addition to the German-English Academy. The churches are eight in number, and almost every religious denomination in Canada is represented.

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This map gives a fair idea of the strategic position which Rosthern occupies in Western Canada. Rosthern, it will be noticed, is on the direct proposed line of the C.P.R. to the Hudson Bay and indications point to the Home of the World's Best Wheat being the first divisional point on this line.



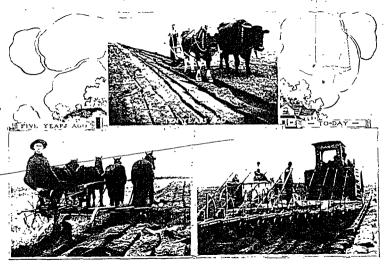
Mixed Farming at Rosthern

Railway Facilities

Rosthern is situated on the Regina to Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Northern Railway. Saskatoon is 40 and Prince Albert 48 miles away. Westward, there is no town that can ever hope to rival Rosthern within 100 miles. Eastward, the country is open to the Manitoba boundary. This country will be connected with Rosthern when the Thunder Hill branch of the C.N.R. crosses the South Saskatchewan. Rosthern will be a divisional point on the projected C.P.R. line through the Saskatchewan Valley to Hudson's Bay. For the Valley of the Saskatchewan, Rosthern is the natural distributing centre.

The following figures show the amount of shipping and receiving done by the Canadian Northern Railway here during the past year:

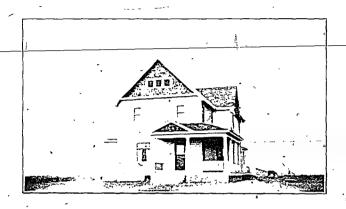
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From Oxen to Steam Plow

Power

Less than eight miles from Rosthern, on the South Saskatchewan River, is a succession of swift rapids extending over a mile. These rapids, when harnessed, will develop enough power to supply a large manufacturing city, and to mill every bushel of swheat grown in Central Saskatchewan.



Dominion Experimental Farm House, Rosthern

This farm has been in operation two years.

In 1911 the farm produced wheat which threshed as high as:

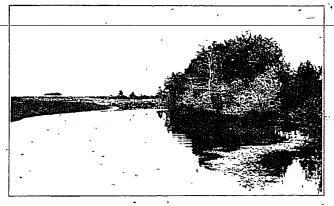
73 bushels to the acre;

Oats, 131 bushels to the acre;

6 rowed barley, 100 bushels to the acre;

2 rowed barley, 70 bushels to the acre;

Peas, 51 bushels to the acre.



Derkson's Lake, Rosthern

Some Reasons, Why You Should Buy in Rosthern District

The district surrounding Rosthern presents these advantages:--

The best wheat lands in the world;

Land can be bought at low prices;

A perfect climate, exempt from the usual causes of crop failure;

Ample elevator room, and no wheat blockades with their consequent money stringency;

Excellent water;

Göod roads;

Good schools;

A healthful district;

A beautiful district.

The town of Rosthern presents these advantages:—Population of 1,500;

Has had a natural growth and the increase has been steady;

A commercial centre. Rosthern has a large stretch of territory to feed, and the population of this territory has immense purchasing power;

The centre of the best wheat district;

Increasing trade and population;

Low taxes;

Good and improving railway facilities. Will be on the Hudson's Bay Route of the C.P.R. and the Thunder Hill Line of the C.N.R.;

Centre of an electoral district;

Dominion lands sub-agency;

* Customs office;.

Experimental farm and fair grounds;

Will be judicial centre:

Fine public buildings:

Excellent educational advantages; Healthful location and clean, beautiful streets;

Ample fire protection;

Gas light;

~Waterworks and sewerage being put in;

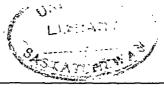
Cheap building materials within 40 miles of big lumber mills:

Has a brick yard output, 1,000,000 per year;

-Sash and door factory; .

No country subdivisions—Town built out to the limits:

Real estate low in price;



A beautiful surrounding country, with summer resorts within easy reach;

Good bathing, fishing and shooting;

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST POWER ON THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE, WAITING TO BE HAR-NESSED—Enough power to supply a large manufacturing city;

Live business houses;

Two big banks;

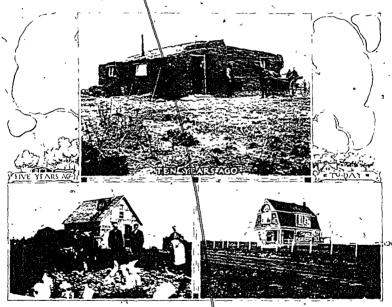
Low cost.of living.



- Town Hall, Rosthern,

A Few Instances of What Farmers in Rosthern District Have Done

Adolf and Otto Marquart, who live five miles south of town, came here from the United States in 1895, with enough money to buy a team of oxen each. They live at first in sod shacks, and had



Progress in the Rosthern District

to get clothes from friends in the States to help them through the first winter. They made even their own nails for building a log stable. They now own 25 quarter sections of land with splendid horses and barns, a threshing outfit each, and raise annually 25,000 bushels of grain.

Lorenz Samletzki who lives twelve miles northwest of town, came from the United States fourteen years ago. He had nine horses, and some machinery. His horses all died. He has now 13 quarters, 35 horses, besides cattle and hogs. He has 1,035 acres in crop this year. Drives an automobile.

David, John and Henry Doering who live twelve miles south-west, came from Russia with their father in 1899. There were sixteen in the family, and they had \$200.00 cash. They now have 13 quarters, 30 head of horses, good buildings, threshing outfit, and have 1,200 acres in crop. In 1909 they had 25,000 bushels of grain.

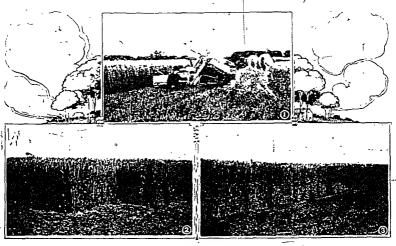
Stefan Rogozinsky, who lives five miles east, came there from Galicia in 1900 with 875.00. He has now 6 quarters, 20 head of horses, splendid house and barn, and raises 10,000 bushels annually.

Anton Hrabshak, four miles south-east, came from Galicia with 8125.00. He has Tnow 5 quarters, 12 head of horses, good buildings, and raises 8,000 to 10,000 bushels annually.

F. W. and J. B. Peters, fourteen miles west, came from Oregon fourteen years ago, when quite young. They now own 14 quarters and have splendid houses and barns, threshing and power plowing outfit, and all machinery necessary. They have 1,800 acres in crop this year. In 1909 J. B. raised over 24,000 bushels from 600 acres. F. W. is the owner of a \$2,000.00 automobile.

Abram Funk, 16 miles north-west, came from Germany nine years ago with \$200.00. He now owns 6 quarters, and has 400 acres in crop this year.

Frank W. Fast, ten miles west, came from the United States. He now has 12 quarters, good buildings, 40 horses, automobile, threshing and power outfit, and 1,000 acres in crop.



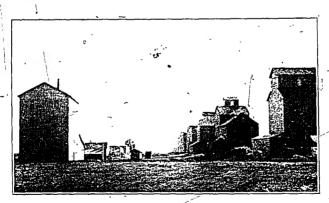
- 1. Field of Oats, Seager Wheeler's Farm, Rosthern, Sask-
- 2. Field of Prize Wheat 3. Preston Wheat

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Railway Street, Rosthern



Mills and Elevators at Rosthern

Any further information concerning Rosthern and the Rosthern District will be cheerfully supplied by the ROSTHERN BOARD OF TRADE

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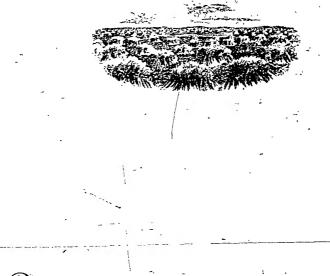


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